



Information about your water, drainage, wastewater and solid waste utility services.

3 Ways to Save This Summer

Check your mailbox this summer for money-saving coupons that will help you save water and energy and reduce your utility bills.

Seattle Public Utilities, Seattle City Light and the Saving Water Partnership have teamed up with the Home Depot and Bartell Drugs to encourage residents to save water and energy by:

- ❖ Taking shorter showers (five minutes or less);
- ❖ Checking for and repairing toilet leaks; and
- ❖ Washing full loads of laundry and in the dishwasher.

The limited-time coupons offer discounts on Mrs. Meyer's Biodegradable, High-efficiency Laundry Detergent from Bartell Drugs and FluidMaster Toilet Flappers and Fill Valve Replacement Kits from Home Depot. Customers will also be offered free shower timers.

Visit www.savingwater.org/3waystosave to learn more.

Wash Smart & Protect Puget Sound

When you wash your car on the street or driveway, the soap, automotive fluids, and roadway dirt from the vehicle go straight into nearby storm drains that lead directly to lakes, streams, and Puget Sound. This harms fish and wildlife.

The best option is to take your car to a commercial car wash that reclaims the wash water several times before sending it to the sewer system for treatment.

Learn more on how you can be part of making our waterways healthy at www.seattle.gov/util/restoreourwaters.

How Are We Doing?

To meet the service expectations of our customers, SPU sets and tracks service level targets. This is one in a series of reports on our progress. For more information on service level targets, visit www.seattle.gov/util and search for "Service Levels."

Financial Stability Service Levels

SERVICE LEVEL TARGET	Target met in 2007?
Keep SPU financially healthy by:	
● Maintaining strong bond rating, keeping borrowing costs low.	Yes
● Complying with Drinking Water financial goals.	Yes
● Complying with Solid Waste financial goals.	Yes
● Complying with Drainage and Wastewater financial goals.	Met 3 of 4*

* SPU met three of its four Drainage and Wastewater financial goals. The positive net income goal was not met in 2007, but SPU expects to meet this target in 2008.



Bert's Car Wash Coupon

As thanks for choosing a salmon-friendly way to wash your car, this coupon is good for **50 percent off** an exterior car wash at any Puget Sound Car Wash Association member location, including Elephant Car Wash in Seattle and Burien. For information, go to www.pscarwash.org.

Not valid with any other discounts or offer, no cash value. Good through December 2008.



50% off



Be Climate Smart in Your Garden



Most people know that using compost and mulch in their garden allows the soil to retain more water and reduce irrigation needs. But did you know that

compost and mulch also help your soil store more carbon from the atmosphere and reduce greenhouse gas emissions?

Follow these simple steps for a healthier, more beautiful garden that's climate smart!

- Build healthy soils by mixing 2-4 inches of compost into the upper 8 inches of soil when planting, or rake 1/4 inch of compost into existing lawns.
- Use compost as "mulch" by spreading a 1-2 inch layer around plants and trees, to fertilize the soil and help hold moisture.
- Water deeply but less often to grow plants and lawns with deeper, healthier roots that can thrive through our hot, dry summers.
- Choose the right plant for the right place in your garden - your plants will flourish naturally with less water and chemicals.

To learn more, visit www.savingwater.org (click on "Conserve Outside") or call the Garden Hotline at (206) 633-0224.



Tour the Watershed

This summer join Seattle Public Utilities naturalists for a unique tour

of the Cedar River Watershed, the source of 70 percent of the Seattle area's drinking water.

This two-and-a-half hour interpretive journey by bus into the 91,000-acre protected watershed (which is closed to unauthorized public access) is an unparalleled opportunity to experience this special place.

Anyone 10 years or older may take tours, which are held Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from July 11 to September 7. Tours last from 9:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and start and end at the Cedar River Watershed Education Center near North Bend. The cost is \$10 for adults; \$5 for youth (age 10+) and seniors.

For information and reservations, contact (206) 233-1515 or crwprograms@seattle.gov. Seats fill quickly.

Recycling Comes to South Seattle Parks



Seattle Parks and Recreation, in partnership with Seattle Public Utilities, has started an outdoor recycling program in south Seattle parks.

You'll see clearly marked blue bins for glass and plastic bottles and aluminum cans at select athletic fields, picnic areas and beaches. Please use the bins appropriately.

Not only is recycling good for the planet, it teaches kids and adults lifelong environmental habits.

This nine-month pilot project will assess the feasibility of providing recycling in parks. We'll report back to you on our success.

It's Not Garbage Anymore!

What do leftover corn on the cob, coffee grounds, and pasta all have in common? They're not garbage anymore! Seattle food and yard waste subscribers can put their leftover fruits, vegetables, grains and pizza boxes in their city-provided food and yard waste cart.

Last year, Seattle residents threw more than 45,000 tons of food into the landfill. Why waste a good thing? Instead, put your leftover banana peels, napkins and hot dog buns in your food and yard waste cart and they'll be made into natural compost for local lawns and gardens.

Look who's composting! Adobe, Azteca Mexican Restaurants, Essential Baking Company, Metropolitan Grill, Seattle City Hall, Snoose Junction Pizzeria, the Space Needle, Swedish Medical Center, and University Village are among hundreds of Seattle organizations that are also recycling their leftover food scraps.

To learn more about recycling food scraps or backyard composting, visit www.seattle.gov/util/foodwaste or call (206) 684-3000 today!

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